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REMARKS

Claims 41 through 67 are pending in the present application. Claims 41 and 55 stand rejected for statutory type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,819,814. Claims 43 through 54 and 56 through 67 stand rejected for obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent 6,819,814.

Applicants undersigned representative respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending rejections in view of the above-listed amendments and the following remarks.

Statutory Double Patenting

Applicants propose amending claims 41 and 55. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amended claims are not coextensive in scope to those of U.S. Patent 6,819,814. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Applicants' undersigned submits herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent 6,819,814. Withdrawal of the nonstatutory double patenting rejections is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statements

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form-1449 were submitted on February 8, 2006. An initialed and signed copy of the Form-1449 have not been received from the Office. Applicants' undersigned representative respectfully requests that an initialed and signed copy of the Form-1449 submitted on February 8, 2006 be included with the next communication from the Office.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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